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Re: **Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 56X)**
Wisconsin Central Ltd. -- Abandonment
Exemption -- In Outagamie County, Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is Congressman Gallagher's letter of support of Wisconsin Central's Request for Expedited Date of the proposed abandonment.

Respectfully,

Thomas J. Healey

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Attachment

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**Re: Docket No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 56X) Wisconsin Central Ltd. — Abandonment Exemption — In
Outagamie County, Wis.**

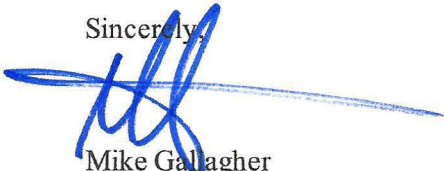
Dear Ms. Brown:

I write in support of an abandonment request by the Village of Little Chute, City of Kaukauna, and Canadian National Railroad in order to convert train tracks to a bridge and trail. I urge the Surface Transportation Board to swiftly review the abandonment request so that the project may move forward. This bridge project is the culmination of years of hard work, grant applications, and collaboration between numerous agencies. In total, the project has received over \$2.7 million in grants and donations from private, state, local and federal funds.

The project is currently awaiting the Surface Transportation Board's review of the expedited abandonment request. The authority to abandon the tracks is effective as of October 28, 2020. However, the request is to move the effective date up by 15 days to allow the project to begin before the construction season ends in November. Additionally, a large portion of the bridge was funded through grant money that includes grant funds from the National Park Service and Federal Recreational Trails Program. These grants are contingent on completing the project by the end of June 2021.

This project will provide access to tens of thousands of Wisconsin residents to the river and recreational opportunities the system will create and encourage. I ask that you carefully review their request for expedited processing and consider moving the effect date up so they do not lose any funding.

Sincerely,



Mike Gallagher
Member of Congress